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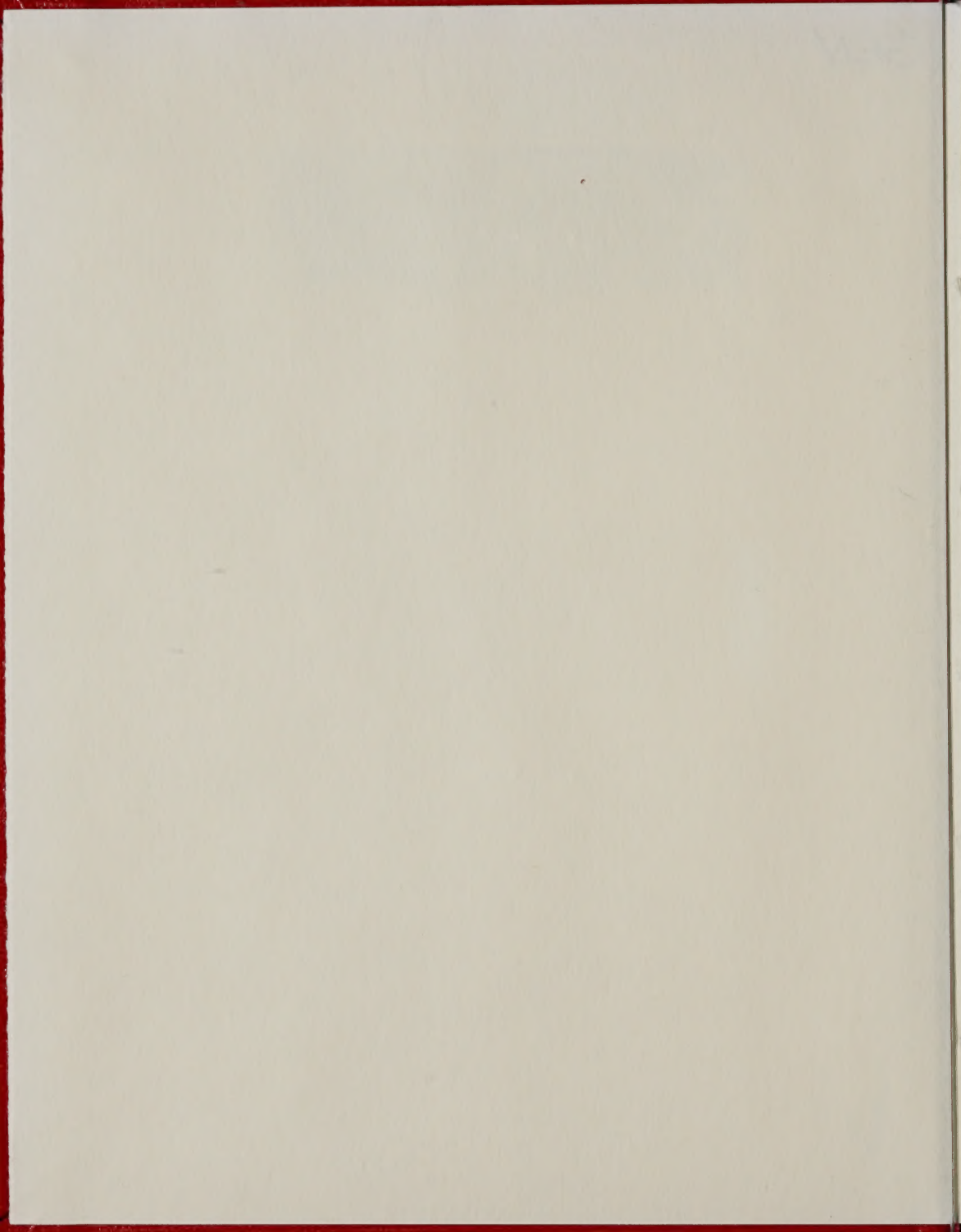
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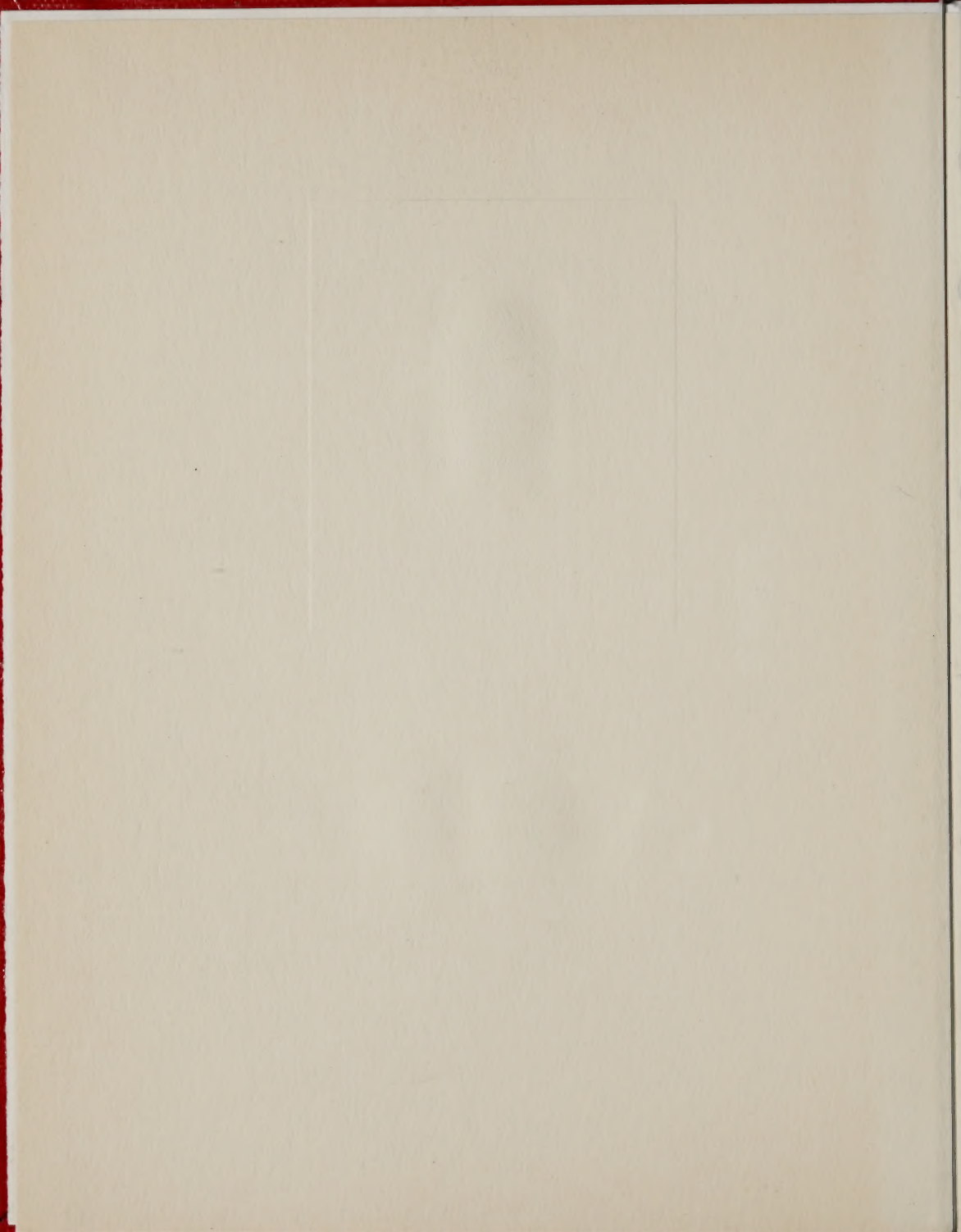
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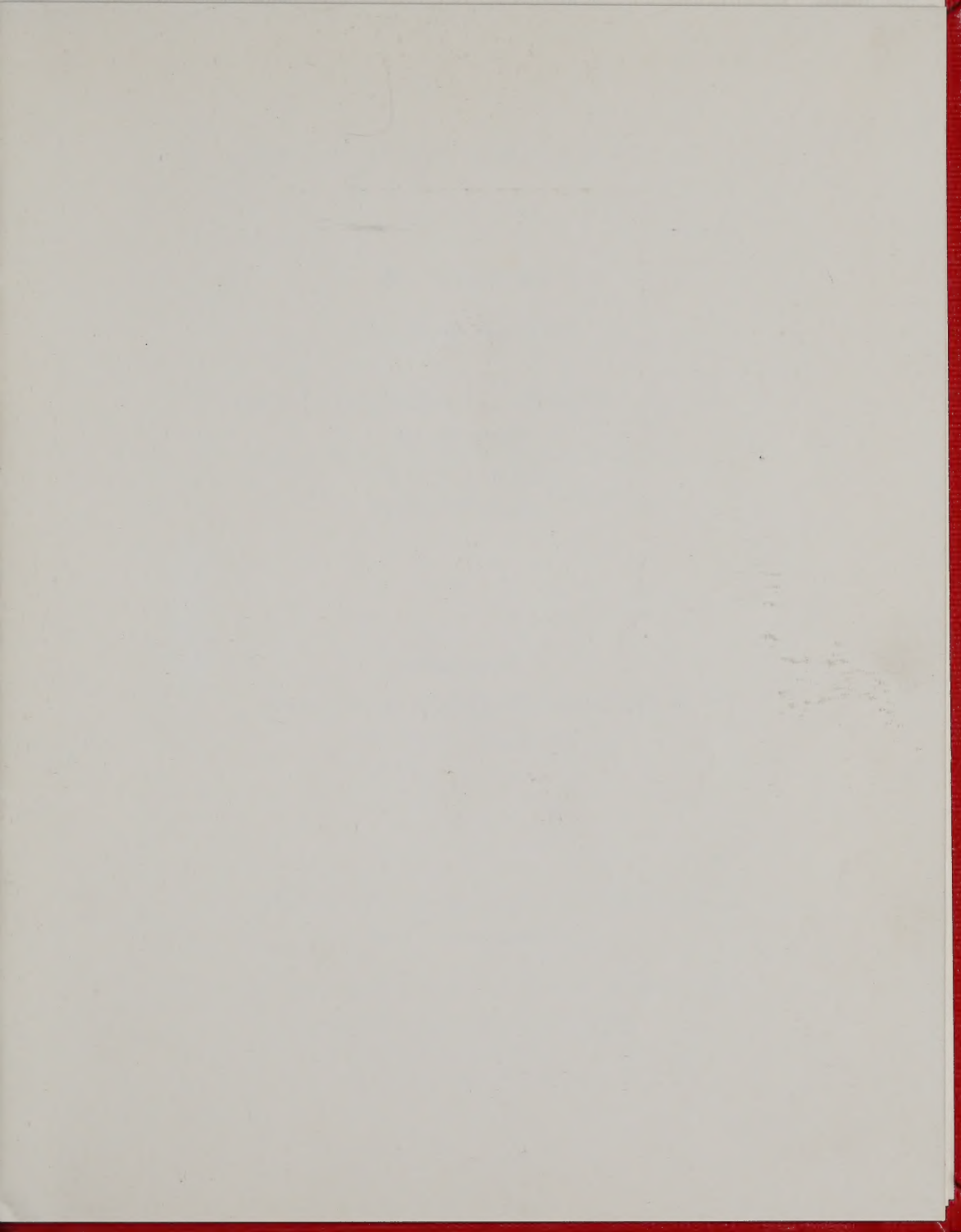


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## Introductory Explanation

THE consecration of a bishop is the exclusive right of the Sovereign Pontiff, and cannot be performed without a mandate explicitly given by His Holiness. When the consecration takes place outside of Rome, the necessary documents, known as “bulls” from the Latin word *bullā*, signifying the leaden seal attached to them, are sent to the Bishop-elect, notifying him of his appointment and authorizing him to select as his Consecrator any orthodox bishop, with whom should be associated two other bishops as assistant consecrators. If the consecration occurs on a day other than a Sunday or the feast of an Apostle, special permission from the Holy See must be obtained by Apostolic brief allowing the choice of that day.



## Ceremony of Consecration



The Ceremony of Consecration is herein printed in light face type; all directions and explanations are in bold type.



At the appointed hour, the Consecrator, the Bishop-elect, the assistant consecrators and the others who are to be present at the consecration, proceed to the church, and the Consecrator, having prayed before the altar, ascends to his throne near the Gospel corner, and there is vested as usual. The Bishop-elect, with the assistant consecrators, goes to his chapel and there puts on the necessary vestments, namely, the amice, alb, cincture, the stole, crossed as it is worn by priests, and the cope. The assistant consecrators, in the meanwhile, put on their vestments. All being ready, the Consecrator goes to the middle of the altar and there sits on the faldstool with his back to the altar. The Bishop-elect, wearing his biretta, is led between the two assistant consecrators, who are mitred. When he comes before the Consecrator, uncovering, he bows profoundly. The assistant consecrators, wearing their mitres, slightly incline their heads. Then they sit at a distance from the Consecrator so that the Bishop-elect faces the Consecrator; the senior assistant consecrator sits at the right hand of the Bishop-elect, the junior at his left, facing each other. When they have been thus seated, after a short pause they rise, the Bishop-elect without biretta and the assistant consecrators without mitres.

## Introduction

The senior assistant consecrator, turned to the Consecrator, says:

**M**OST Reverend Father, our Holy Mother the Catholic Church doth ask that thou promote this priest here present to the responsibility of the episcopate.

The Consecrator says:

Have you the Apostolic mandate?

The senior assistant consecrator answers:

We have.

The Consecrator says:

Let it be read.

Then the notary of the Consecrator, taking the mandate from the assistant consecrator, reads it from the beginning to the end; in the meanwhile all sit with heads covered.

The mandate having been read, the Consecrator says:  
Thanks be to God.

As the Bishop-elect has already made his profession of faith and taken the oath in a private chapel, the Consecrator proceeds to the examination.

The Bishop-elect and the assistants sit, and the Consecrator reads in an audible voice the following examination. The assistant consecrators say in a lower voice whatsoever the Consecrator says.

## Examination

The Consecrator says:

THE ancient rule of the holy Fathers doth teach and ordain that he who is chosen to the order of bishop, shall be with all charity examined carefully beforehand concerning his faith in the Holy Trinity, and shall be questioned concerning the various qualifications which befit the Episcopal Office and which are regarded as essential, according to the word of the Apostle: "Impose hands hastily on no man." This is done in order that he who is to be ordained may be instructed how it behooveth one placed under this rule to conduct himself in the Church of God, and also that they may be blameless who impose on him the hands of ordination. Therefore, by the same authority and commandment, with sincere charity, we ask thee, dearest brother, if thou desirest to make thy conduct harmonize, as far as thy nature doth allow, with the meaning of the divine Scripture.

Then the Bishop-elect, rising, with uncovered head,  
answers:

With my whole heart I wish in all things to agree and obey.

He will act in like manner when making all the other  
responses that follow.

The Consecrator interrogates:

C. Wilt thou teach the people for whom thou art ordained, both by words and by example, the things thou understandest from the divine Scriptures? B. I will.

C. Wilt thou receive, keep and teach with reverence the traditions of the orthodox Fathers and the decretal constitutions of the Holy and Apostolic See? B. I will.

C. Wilt thou show in all things fidelity, submission, obedience, according to canonical authority, to blessed Peter the Apostle, to whom was given by God the power of binding and of loosing, and to His Vicar, our Holy Father Pope Pius XII, and to his successors, the Roman Pontiffs? B. I will.

C. Wilt thou refrain in all thy ways from evil and, as far as thou art able, with the help of the Lord, direct them to every good? B. I will.

C. Wilt thou observe and teach, with the help of God, chastity and sobriety? B. I will.

C. Wilt thou, as far as thy human frailty shall allow, always be given up to divine affairs and abstain from worldly matters or sordid gains? B. I will.

C. Wilt thou thyself observe, and likewise teach others to observe, humility and patience? B. I will.

C. Wilt thou, for the Lord's sake, be affable and merciful to the poor and to pilgrims and all those in need? B. I will.

**Then the Consecrator says to him:**

**MAY** the Lord bestow upon thee all these things and every other good thing, and preserve thee and strengthen thee in all goodness.

**All answer: AMEN.**

C. Dost thou believe, according to thy understanding and the capacity of the mind, in the Holy Trinity, the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, one God Almighty and



the whole Godhead, in the Holy Trinity co-essential, consubstantial, co-eternal and co-omnipotent, of one will, power and majesty, the Creator of all creatures, by Whom are all things, through Whom are all things, and in Whom are all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, corporeal and spiritual?

B. I assent and do so believe.

C. Dost thou believe each single Person of the Holy Trinity is one God, true, full and perfect? B. I do believe.

C. Dost thou believe in the Son of God, the Word of God eternally begotten of the Father, consubstantial, co-omnipotent and co-equal in all things with the Father in divinity, born in time of the Holy Ghost from Mary ever Virgin, with a rational soul, having two origins, one eternal from the Father, the other temporal from the Mother, true God and true Man, proper and perfect in both natures, not the adopted nor the fantastic, but the sole and only, Son of God, in two natures and of two natures, yet in the singleness of one Person, incapable of suffering, and immortal in His divinity, but Who in His humanity suffered for us and for our salvation, with real suffering of the flesh, and was buried, and, rising on the third day from the dead in a true resurrection of the flesh, on the fortieth day after the resurrection, with the flesh wherein He rose and with His Soul, ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of the Father, thence to come to judge the living and the dead, and to render to everyone according to his works as they shall have been good or bad? B. I assent and so in all things do I believe.

C. Dost thou believe also in the Holy Ghost, full and perfect and true God, proceeding from the Father and the Son,

co-equal and co-essential, co-omnipotent and co-eternal in all things with the Father and Son? B. I believe.

C. Dost thou believe that this Holy Trinity is not three Gods, but one God Almighty, Eternal, Invisible and Unchangeable?

B. I believe.

C. Dost thou believe that the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church is the one true Church in which there is but one true Baptism and the true remission of all sins? B. I believe.

C. Dost thou also anathematize every heresy that shall arise against this Holy Catholic Church? B. I do anathematize it.

C. Dost thou believe also in true resurrection of this same flesh of thine, and in life everlasting? B. I do believe.

C. Dost thou believe also that God, the Lord Almighty, is the sole Origin of the New and the Old Testament, of the Law, and of the Prophets, and of the Apostles? B. I do believe.

Afterward the Consecrator says:

**M**AY this faith be increased in thee, by the Lord, unto true and eternal happiness, dearest brother in Christ.

All answer: AMEN.

The examination being finished, the assistant consecrators lead the Bishop-elect to the Consecrator, whose hand is reverently kissed by the Bishop-elect, kneeling. Then the Consecrator, standing before the altar, the Bishop-elect at his left, begins the Mass with his ministers, saying in the usual manner the Confession. The assistant consecrators, standing in their own proper places, do likewise with their chaplains.

## Ordinary of the Mass



### Prayers at the Foot of the Altar

**I**N the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

C. I will go in to the altar of God. R. To God Who giveth joy to my youth.

C. Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy; deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

R. For Thou art God, my strength: why hast Thou cast me off? And why do I go sorrowful, whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

C. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth; they have conducted me and brought me unto Thy holy hill, and into Thy tabernacles.

R. And I will go in to the altar of God: to God Who giveth joy to my youth.

C. To Thee, O God, my God, I will give praise upon the harp: why art thou sad, O my soul, and why dost thou disquiet me?

R. Hope in God, for I will still give praise to Him, the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

C. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

C. I will go in to the altar of God. R. To God Who giveth joy to my youth.

C. Our help is in the name of the Lord. R. Who made heaven and earth.

**The Consecrator now makes his public Confession:**

**I** CONFESS to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary ever Virgin, to Blessed Michael the Archangel, to Blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed (*striking his breast three times as a sign of contrition*), through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Blessed Michael the Archangel, Blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

**The Bishop-elect and the ministers say:**

May Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to life everlasting. C. Amen.

**They now make their public Confession — I CONFESS, etc.**

**Then the Consecrator continues:**

C. May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting. R. Amen.

C. May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution and remission of our sins. R. Amen.

C. Thou wilt turn, O God, and bring us to life. R. And Thy people shall rejoice in Thee.

C. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy. R. And grant us Thy salvation.

C. O Lord, hear my prayer. R. And let my cry come unto Thee.



C. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

C. Let us pray.

The assistant consecrators lead the Bishop-elect to his chapel. After he has laid aside the cope, acolytes put on his buskins and sandals. He receives the pectoral cross and is vested with the tunic, dalmatic, chasuble and maniple. He advances to his altar and standing between the assistant consecrators, reads the usual parts of the Mass up to the last verse of the GRADUAL or TRACT. The Consecrator, going up to the altar with his ministers, says:

TAKE away from us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our iniquities, that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kissing the altar, the Consecrator says:

We beseech Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy Saints whose relics are here, and of all the Saints, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. Amen.

The Consecrator kisses the book of Gospels; then blesses the incense, which he puts in the thurible, saying:

Be thou blessed by Him in Whose honor thou art about to burn.

Having incensed the altar in silence, the Consecrator is incensed by the deacon. He then goes to the throne with the assistant priest and two deacons of honor and reads the Introit of the Mass of the day. Then the Consecrator recites, and the choir sings:

## The Kyrie

**L**ORD, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Consecrator intones the hymn of praise, which is  
then sung by the choir:

## The Gloria

**G**LORY to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of  
good will. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we adore Thee,  
we glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord  
Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, Who takest away the sins of the world, have  
mercy upon us. Who takest away the sins of the world, receive  
our prayer. Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have  
mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy. Thou only art Lord.  
Thou only, O Jesus Christ, art most high, together with the  
Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Consecrator sings:

Peace be with you.

The choir responds:

And with thy spirit.

The Consecrator sings the following:

## Orations

The Collect of the Mass of the day is sung followed  
by a Collect for the Bishop-elect:

LET US PRAY.

**H**EAR our prayers, O Almighty God, so that the work of our humble ministration may be given fulfillment by Thy power, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. R. Amen.

The subdeacon chants the EPISTLE, after which he goes to the throne, where he kisses the Consecrator's ring and receives his blessing. Immediately the Consecrator reads the EPISTLE and the GRADUAL or TRACT up to the last verse.

The Consecrator now goes to the faldstool before the middle of the altar and there sits wearing his mitre. The assistant consecrators again lead the Bishop-elect to the Consecrator, to whom the Bishop-elect, without biretta, bows profoundly. The assistants, with their mitres on, bow slightly to the Consecrator. All sit as before. The Consecrator says:

**A** BISHOP judges, interprets, consecrates, ordains, offers, baptizes and confirms.

Then, all rising, the Consecrator, with mitre on, says:

**M**ET us pray, dearest brethren, that the kindness of Almighty God, providing for the good of His Church, may bestow the abundance of His grace upon this Elect, through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

The Consecrator before his faldstool, and the assistant consecrators before theirs, with mitres on, kneel. The Bishop-elect, however, prostrates himself at the left of the Consecrator; the ministers and all others kneel. Then the choir sings:

## The Litany of the Saints

Lord, have mercy on us.

CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

CHRIST, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

God the Father of heaven,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

God the Son, Redeemer of  
the world,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

God the Holy Ghost,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

Holy Trinity, one God,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

St. Michael,

St. Gabriel,

St. Raphael,

All ye holy Angels and  
Archangels,

All ye holy orders of  
blessed Spirits,

St. John the Baptist,

St. Joseph,

All ye holy Patriarchs  
and Prophets,

St. Peter,

St. Paul,

St. Andrew,

St. James,

St. John,

St. Thomas,

St. James,

St. Philip,

St. Bartholomew,

St. Matthew,

St. Simon,

St. Thaddeus,

St. Matthias,

St. Barnabas,

St. Luke,

St. Mark,

All ye holy Apostles  
and Evangelists,

All ye holy Disciples of  
the Lord,

All ye holy Innocents,

St. Stephen,

St. Lawrence,

St. Vincent,

SS. Fabian and Sebastian,

SS. John and Paul,

SS. Cosmas and Damian,

PRAY FOR US.

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SS. Gervase and Protase,  
All ye holy Martyrs,  
St. Sylvester,  
St. Gregory,  
St. Ambrose,  
St. Augustine,  
St. Jerome,  
St. Martin,  
St. Nicholas,  
All ye holy Bishops  
and Confessors,  
All ye holy Doctors,  
St. Anthony,  
St. Benedict,  
St. Bernard,

PRAY FOR US.

St. Dominic,  
St. Francis,  
All ye holy Priests and  
Levites,  
All ye holy Monks and  
Hermits,  
St. Mary Magdalen,  
St. Agatha,  
St. Lucy,  
St. Agnes,  
St. Cecilia,  
St. Catherine,  
St. Anastasia,  
All ye holy Virgins  
and Widows,

PRAY FOR US.

All ye holy Saints of God,  
MAKE INTERCESSION FOR US.  
Be merciful,  
SPARE US, O LORD.  
Be merciful,  
GRACIOUSLY HEAR US, O LORD.

From all evil,  
From all sin,  
From Thy wrath,  
From sudden and unlooked-for death,  
From the snares of the devil,  
From anger, and hatred, and every evil will,  
From the spirit of fornication,

O LORD, DELIVER US.

From lightning and tempest,  
From the scourge of earthquakes,  
From plague, famine and war,  
From everlasting death,  
Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,  
Through Thy Coming,  
Through Thy Birth,  
Through Thy Baptism and holy Fasting,  
Through Thy Cross and Passion,  
Through Thy Death and Burial,  
Through Thy holy Resurrection,  
Through Thine admirable Ascension,  
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,  
In the day of judgment,

O LORD, DELIVER US.

We sinners, BESEECH THEE, HEAR US.

That Thou wouldst spare us,  
That Thou wouldst pardon us,  
That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance,  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy  
holy Church,  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic  
Prelate, and all orders of the Church in holy religion,  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of  
holy Church,  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and true con-  
cord to Christian kings and princes,  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to  
the whole Christian world,  
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in  
Thy holy service,

WE BESEECH THEE, HEAR US.

That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires,  
 That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our  
 benefactors,  
 That Thou wouldst deliver our souls, and the souls of our  
 brethren, relations and benefactors, from eternal  
 damnation,  
 That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits  
 of the earth,  
 That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all  
 the faithful departed,

WE BESEECH THEE, HEAR US.

The Consecrator rises, turns toward the Bishop-elect,  
 and taking in his left hand the pastoral staff, sings:

C. That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless this Elect here present.

R. We beseech Thee, hear us.

He sings a second time:

C. That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless and sanctify this  
 Elect here present. R. We beseech Thee, hear us.

He sings a third time:

C. That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless and sanctify and con-  
 secrate this Elect here present. R. We beseech Thee, hear us.

Meanwhile, he makes the Sign of the Cross three  
 times over the Bishop-elect. The assistant consecrators  
 do and say the same, remaining kneeling. The Conse-  
 crator again kneels and the chanters continue the  
 litany to the end:

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us,

WE BESEECH THEE, HEAR US.

Son of God,

WE BESEECH THEE, HEAR US.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

SPARE US, O LORD.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

GRACIOUSLY HEAR US, O LORD.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

Christ, hear us.

CHRIST, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

Lord, have mercy on us.

CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US.

Lord, have mercy on us.

The litany finished, all rise; the Consecrator stands, with mitre on, before his faldstool; the Bishop-elect kneels before him.

Then the Consecrator, with the aid of the assistant consecrators, saying nothing, lays the open book of the Gospels upon the neck and shoulders of the Bishop-elect, so that the printed page touches his neck. One of the chaplains kneels behind, supporting the book until it is given into the hands of the Bishop-elect.

Then the Consecrator and the assistant consecrators touch with both hands the head of the Bishop-elect, saying:

Receive the Holy Ghost.

The assistant consecrators return to their places and the Consecrator, standing without mitre, says:



**B**E propitious, O Lord, to our supplications, and bestowing the abundance of sacerdotal grace upon this Thy servant, pour upon him the power of Thy blessing, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God.

Then, extending his hands before his breast, he sings:

## The Preface

**W**ORLD without end. R. Amen.

C. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

C. Lift up your hearts. R. We have lifted them up unto the Lord.

C. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is meet and just.

**I**T is truly meet and just, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, worthy of all dignities that serve unto Thy glory in sacred orders; to Thee, O God, Who in private conversation didst instruct Moses, Thy servant, concerning (among other branches of divine worship) the nature of sacerdotal vesture, and didst order that Aaron, Thy chosen one, should be clad in mystic vestments during the sacred functions, so that succeeding generations might be enlightened by the examples of their predecessors. This is done lest the knowledge derived from Thy instruction should be wanting to any age.

Since with the ancients the very appearance of symbols doth obtain reverence, so also with us the realization of the things symbolized doth mean more than the symbols themselves. For the adornment of our minds doth fulfill what was expressed by the vestment of that ancient priesthood, and now brightness of souls rather than splendor of raiment doth commend the Pontifical glory unto us. For even those things which then were sightly unto the eyes of the flesh, demanded rather that the eyes of the spirit should understand the things they signified. And therefore we beseech Thee, O Lord, bountifully to give this grace to this Thy servant whom Thou hast chosen to the ministry of the supreme priesthood, so that whatsoever things those vestments signify by the refulgence of gold, the splendor of jewels and the variety of diversified handiwork, these may shine forth in his character and his actions. Fill up in Thy priest the perfection of Thy ministry and sanctify with the dew of Thy heavenly ointment this Thy servant decked out with the ornaments of all beauty.

One of the chaplains binds the head of the Bishop-elect with a long cloth. The Consecrator, facing the altar, prostrate on both knees, intones the following hymn, the choir continuing it to the end:

## Henri Creator

COME, Holy Ghost, Creator, come  
From Thy bright heavenly throne!  
Come, take possession of our souls,  
And make them all Thine Own!

Thou Who art called the Paraclete,  
Best gift of God above,  
The Living Spring, the Living Fire,  
Sweet Unction and True Love!

Thou Who art sevenfold in Thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand,  
His promise, teaching little ones  
To speak and understand!

O guide our minds with Thy blest light,  
With love our hearts inflame,  
And with Thy strength which ne'er decays  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our hellish foe,  
True peace unto us bring,  
And through all perils guide us safe  
Beneath Thy sacred wing.

Through Thee may we the Father know,  
Through Thee the Eternal Son,  
And Thee the Spirit of Them Both—  
Thrice blessed Three in One.

Now to the Father, and the Son  
Who rose from death, be glory given,  
With Thee, O Holy Comforter,  
Henceforth by all in earth and heaven.

R. Amen

At the conclusion of the first verse, the Consecrator rises and sits, with mitre on, on the faldstool before the middle of the altar. He lays aside his ring and gloves, puts on the ring again and receives the gremial or apron from the ministers. With holy chrism he anoints the head of the Bishop-elect kneeling before him, making first the Sign of the Cross on the crown and then anointing the rest of the crown, saying in the meanwhile:

**M**AY thy head be anointed and consecrated by heavenly benediction in the Pontifical Order.

And, making with his right hand the Sign of the Cross three times over the head of the Elect, he says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. R. Amen.

C. Peace be with thee. R. And with thy spirit.

Having completed the anointing, the Consecrator cleanses his thumb with bread crumbs. The above-mentioned hymn having been finished, he rises with out mitre and continues in the same tone as before, singing:

**M**AY this, O Lord, flow abundantly upon his head; may this run down upon his cheeks; may this spread unto the extremities of his whole body, so that inwardly he may be filled with the power of Thy Spirit, and outwardly be clothed with that same Spirit. May constant faith, pure love, sincere piety abound in him. May his feet by Thy gift be beautiful for announcing the glad tidings of peace, for announcing the glad tidings of Thy good things. Grant to him, O Lord, the ministry of reconciliation in word and in deed, in the power of signs and of wonders. Let his speech and his preaching be not in the persuasive words of human



wisdom, but in the showing of the spirit and of power. Give to him, O Lord, the keys of the kingdom of heaven, so that he may make use of, not boast of, the power which Thou bestowest unto edification, not unto destruction. Whatsoever he shall bind upon earth, let it be bound likewise in heaven; and whatsoever he shall loose upon earth, let it likewise be loosed in heaven. Whose sins he shall retain, let them be retained; and do Thou forgive the sins of whomsoever he shall forgive. Let him who shall curse him, himself be accursed; and let him who shall bless him, be filled with blessings. Let him be the faithful and prudent servant for Thee to set, O Lord, over Thy household, so that he may give them food in due season, and prove himself a perfect man. May he be untiring in his solicitude, fervent in spirit. May he detest pride, cherish humility and truth, and never desert it, overcome either by flattery or by fear. Let him not put light for darkness, nor darkness for light; let him not call evil good, nor good evil. May he be a debtor to the wise and to the foolish, so that he may gather fruit from the progress of all. Grant to him, O Lord, an episcopal chair for ruling Thy Church and the people committed to him. May he have authority, may he have power, may he have strength. Multiply upon him Thy blessing and Thy grace, so that by Thy gift he may be fitted for always obtaining Thy mercy, and by Thy grace may he be faithful.

**Then, in a lower tone of voice, he reads the following  
so as to be heard by those surrounding him:**

through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. R. Amen.

The Consecrator begins, and the choir takes up, the antiphon:

THE ointment upon the head which ran down upon the beard, the beard of Aaron, which descended on the border of his vestment: the Lord hath commanded blessing forever.

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BEHOLD how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity:

Like the precious ointment on the head, that ran down upon the beard, the beard of Aaron.

Which ran down the skirt of his garment: as the dew of Hermon, which descendeth upon Mount Sion.

For there the Lord hath commanded blessing, and life for evermore. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then the whole antiphon is repeated, THE OINTMENT UPON THE HEAD, etc.

The antiphon before the psalm having been begun, a long strip of cloth is placed on the neck of the Bishop-elect. The Consecrator sits down, with mitre on, and the Bishop-elect kneels before him, his hands joined. Then the Consecrator anoints with chrism the hands of the Bishop-elect in the form of a Cross, by drawing two lines with the thumb of his right hand, namely, from the thumb of the right hand to the index finger of the left, and from the thumb of the left hand to the index finger of the right. Afterward he anoints the entire palms of the Bishop-elect, saying:

**M**AY these hands be anointed with the sanctified oil and the chrism of sanctification, as Samuel anointed David to be King and Prophet; so may they be anointed and consecrated.

And making with his right hand the Sign of the Cross thrice over the hands of the Bishop-elect, he says:

**I**N the name of God the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, making the image of the Holy Cross of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who has redeemed us from death and led us to the kingdom of heaven. Hear us, O Loving, Almighty Father, Eternal God, and grant that we may obtain what we ask for, through the same Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

He continues:

**M**AY God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath Himself willed to elevate thee to the dignity of the Episcopate, bedew thee with chrism and with the liquor of mystic ointment, and make thee fruitful with the richness of spiritual benediction. Whatsoever thou shalt bless, may it be blessed; and whatsoever thou shalt sanctify, may it be sanctified; and may the imposition of this consecrated hand or thumb be profitable in all things unto salvation. R. Amen.

After this, the Consecrated joins both hands, the right resting upon the left, and places them upon the cloth hanging from his neck. The Consecrator cleanses his thumb with bread crumbs, and, without mitre, rises and blesses the pastoral staff, saying:

LET US PRAY

**O** GOD, Who dost sustain human weakness, bless this staff; and in the clemency of Thy merciful kindness, effect inwardly in the character of this Thy servant, what it outwardly designates, through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

He sprinkles it with holy water, and sitting down, with mitre on, he himself hands the staff to the Consecrated, who is kneeling before him. He receives it between the index and middle fingers, the hands remaining joined, while the Consecrator says:

**R**ECEIVE the staff of the Pastoral Office, so that in the correction of vices thou mayest be lovingly severe, giving judgment without wrath, softening the minds of thy hearers while fostering virtues, not neglecting strictness of discipline through love of tranquility. R. Amen.

After which, without mitre, the Consecrator rises and blesses the ring, saying:

LET US PRAY

**O** LORD, Creator and Preserver of the human race, Giver of spiritual grace, Bestower of eternal salvation, do Thou send forth Thy blessing upon this ring so that whosoever shall be adorned with this sign of holiest fidelity, it may avail him by the power of heavenly protection unto eternal life, through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

He then sprinkles the ring with holy water, and sitting, with mitre on, places the ring on the ring finger of the right hand of the Consecrated, saying:



**R**ECEIVE the ring, the symbol of fidelity, in order that, adorned with unspotted faith, thou mayest keep inviolably the Spouse of God, namely, His Holy Church. R. Amen.

Then the Consecrator takes the book of Gospels from the shoulders of the Consecrated, and with the aid of the assistant consecrators, hands it, closed, to him; the latter touches it without opening his hands, the Consecrator saying in the meanwhile:

**R**ECEIVE the Gospel and go preach to the people committed to thee, for God is powerful to increase His grace in thee, He Who liveth and reigneth, world without end. R. Amen.

Finally the Consecrator receives the Consecrated with the kiss of peace. The assistant consecrators do likewise, each one saying to the Consecrated:

Peace be with thee.

He answers to each:

And with thy spirit.

The newly consecrated Bishop, between the assistant consecrators, returns to his chapel where, while he is seated, his head is cleansed with bread crumbs and with a clean cloth. His hair is cleansed, and combed; he washes his hands. The Consecrator washes his hands at his faldstool. Then he goes to the throne and resumes the Mass. The newly consecrated Bishop likewise resumes the Mass in his chapel.

## Prayer before the Gospel

CLEANSE my heart and my lips, O God Almighty, Who didst cleanse the lips of the Prophet Isaias with a burning coal; vouchsafe of Thy gracious mercy so to cleanse me that I may worthily proclaim Thy holy Gospel, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to bless me. The Lord be in my heart and on my lips, that I may worthily and becomingly announce His Gospel. Amen.

## The Gospel

The Gospel from the Mass of the day is said by the Consecrator and the newly Consecrated. Then, the deacon places the book of Gospels on the altar, goes to the throne where he kisses the Consecrator's ring, and then, kneeling on the lowest step of the altar, says the prayer: CLEANSE MY HEART AND MY LIPS, O GOD ALMIGHTY, as above.

The Consecrator blesses the incense, which he puts in the thurible, saying:

Be thou blest by Him in Whose honor thou art about to burn.

The deacon, subdeacon, thurifers and acolytes kneel before the Consecrator, the deacon saying:

Pray, your Excellency, a blessing.

The Consecrator says:

May the Lord be in thy heart and on thy lips that thou mayest worthily and becomingly announce His Gospel. R. Amen.

The deacon, subdeacon and servers go to the usual place where the Gospel is sung. The deacon, having incensed the book, sings the Gospel. The subdeacon then carries the book of Gospels to the throne. The Consecrator kisses it, saying:

By the words of the Gospel may our sins be blotted out.

The Consecrator is then incensed by the assistant priest.

The Consecrator intones, and the choir sings:

## The Credo

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages; God of God, light of light, true God of true God; begotten not made; consubstantial with the Father, by Whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven (*the Consecrator genuflects and adores the Word made flesh*): AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST, OF THE VIRGIN MARY; AND WAS MADE MAN. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And the third day He arose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven. He sitteth at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; and His kingdom shall have

no end. And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; Who spoke by the Prophets. And one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I await the resurrection of the dead (*the Consecrator makes the Sign of the Cross*), and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Consecrator turns toward the people and sings:

The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

He turns back toward the altar and sings:

Let us pray.

## The Offertory

The Consecrator recites the Offertory Prayer from the Mass of the day. He then sits with his mitre on at the throne. The newly consecrated Bishop, coming from his chapel, between the assistant consecrators, kneels before the Consecrator and offers to him two lighted candles, two loaves of bread and two small barrels of wine, decorated with the coats of arms of the Consecrator and the newly consecrated Bishop, and reverently kisses the hand of the Consecrator receiving the gifts. Then the Consecrator washes his hands and goes to the altar. The newly consecrated goes to the Epistle side of the same altar; there, standing between the assistant consecrators, having before him his missal, he continues the Mass with the Consecrator. One host is prepared to be consecrated for the Consecrator and the newly consecrated Bishop.



The Consecrator offers up the host, saying:

**A**CCEPT, O holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God, this spotless host, which I, Thy unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my living and true God, for mine own countless sins, offenses and negligences, and for all here present; as also for all faithful Christians, living and dead, that it may avail both me and them unto salvation for life everlasting. Amen.

Having made the Sign of the Cross with the host over the corporal, he places it on the corporal.

The deacon pours wine into the chalice and the sub-deacon mixes with it a few drops of water, which the Consecrator blesses:

**O** GOD, Who in a marvelous manner didst create and ennoble human nature, and still more marvelously hast renewed it; grant that, by the mystical union of this water and wine, we may be made partakers of His divinity Who vouchsafed to become partaker of our humanity, Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Consecrator offers up the chalice, and then replaces it on the altar, making with it the Sign of the Cross:

**W**E offer unto Thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching Thy clemency; that it may rise up in the sight of Thy divine majesty as a sweet savor, for our own salvation and for that of the whole world. Amen.

The Consecrator bows and says the following prayer:

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IN a humble spirit and a contrite heart may we be received  
by Thee, O Lord, and may our sacrifice so be offered up in  
Thy sight this day that it may be pleasing to Thee, O Lord God.

The Consecrator then invokes the Holy Ghost and  
blesses the offerings:

COME, Thou Who makest holy, Almighty and Eternal God,  
and bless this sacrifice prepared for Thy holy name.



## The Incensing of the Offerings and of the Faithful

The prayers for the incensation are said by the Consecrator, not by the Consecrated. The Consecrator blesses the incense, saying:

**M**AY the Lord, by the intercession of Blessed Michael the Archangel, standing at the right hand of the altar of incense, and of all His elect, vouchsafe to bless this incense, and receive it as an odor of sweetness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Consecrator incenses the bread and wine, saying:

May this incense which Thou hast blessed, O Lord, ascend to Thee, and may Thy mercy descend upon us.

The Consecrator incenses the crucifix and altar, saying:

Let my prayer, O Lord, ascend like incense in Thy sight; and the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a door round about my lips, that my heart may not incline to evil words, to make excuses in sins.

The Consecrator gives the thurible to the deacon, saying:

May the Lord enkindle in us the fire of His love and the flame of everlasting charity. Amen.

The deacon incenses the Consecrator, the newly consecrated Bishop and the assistant consecrators. The prelates, ministers of the Mass, the clergy and the faithful are incensed in the usual manner. The Consecrator, washing his hands at the Epistle side of the altar, says:

**I** WILL wash my hands among the innocent, and will compass Thy altar, O Lord: that I may hear the voice of Thy praise, and tell of all Thy wondrous works. I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth. Take not away my soul, O God, with the wicked, nor my life with bloody men; in whose hands are iniquities: their right hand is filled with gifts. But as for me, I have walked in my innocence; redeem me and have mercy on me. My foot hath stood in the direct way; in the churches I will bless Thee, O Lord. Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Consecrator bows at the middle of the altar and says:

## Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity

**R**ECEIVE, O Holy Trinity, this offering which we make to Thee in remembrance of the Passion, Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honor of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, of Blessed John the Baptist, of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all the Saints, that it may avail to their honor and our salvation: and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven whose memory we keep on earth, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Consecrator kisses the altar and, turning toward the congregation, says:

Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. R. May the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His name, to our own benefit, and to that of all His holy Church. Amen.

The Consecrator in a low voice says:

## The Secret Prayers

The Secret Prayer of the Mass of the day is said followed by these Secret Prayers:

The Consecrator says:

**R**ECEIVE, O Lord, the gifts which we offer Thee in behalf of this Thy servant, that Thou mayest mercifully keep Thy gifts in him, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. Amen.

The newly consecrated Bishop says:

**R**ECEIVE, O Lord, the gifts which we offer Thee in behalf of me Thy servant, that Thou mayest mercifully keep Thy gifts in me, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Consecrator sings the Preface, after which he recites the SANCTUS secretly while the choir sings it:



Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## The Canon of the Mass

The Consecrator bows low, kisses the altar, and silently — as throughout the Canon — asks God through Jesus Christ to accept our offerings. He makes the Sign of the Cross three times over the host and chalice, to show that it is through the Redeemer that we obtain the blessings of the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity.

WHEREFORE, O most merciful Father, we humbly pray and beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to receive and bless these gifts, these offerings, this holy and unblemished sacrifice.

These in the first place we offer up to Thee for Thy Holy Catholic Church, that it may please Thee to grant her peace, to protect, unite and govern her throughout the world, together with Thy servant Pius, our Pope, and me Thy unworthy servant, and all true believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

(Commemoration of the Living)

BE mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants, men and women  
*(he pauses and mentions silently those for whom he intends to pray, and proceeds),* and of all here present,

whose faith and devotion are known to Thee; for whom we offer, or who offer up to Thee, this sacrifice of praise for themselves and all belonging to them, for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their safety and salvation, and who now pay their vows to Thee, the eternal living and true God.

Communicating with and venerating the memory, first of the glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ; likewise of Thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy Saints; by whose merits and prayers grant that in all things we may be defended by the help of Thy protection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following prayer is said by the Consecrator:

**W**E therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, to be appeased, and to accept this offering which we Thy servants and likewise Thy whole family make to Thee. We make it also on behalf of this Thy servant whom Thou hast vouchsafed to raise to the order of Bishop. Mercifully keep in him Thy gifts, so that by divine grace he may fulfill what by divine grace he has received. Order our days in Thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation and received into the fold of Thine elect, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following prayer is said by the newly consecrated Bishop:

**W**E therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, to be appeased, and to accept this offering which we Thy servants and like-

wise Thy whole family make to Thee. We make it also on behalf of me Thy servant whom Thou hast vouchsafed to raise to the order of Bishop. Mercifully keep in me Thy gifts, so that by divine grace I may fulfill what by divine grace I have received. Order our days in Thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation and received into the fold of Thine elect, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Consecrator makes the Sign of the Cross over the bread and wine and prays that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ.**

Which oblation do Thou, O God, vouchsafe in all things to bless, approve, ratify, make worthy and acceptable: that it may become for us the Body and Blood of Thy most beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Consecrator has now reached the most solemn moment of the Mass. Obedient to our Lord's command, he re-enacts the Last Supper.**

(Consecration of the Host)

**W**HO the day before He suffered took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and with His eyes lifted up toward heaven, unto Thee, God, His Almighty Father, giving thanks to Thee, blessed, broke and gave to His disciples, saying: Take and eat ye all of this, **FOR THIS IS MY BODY.**

(Consecration of the Wine)

**I**N like manner, after He had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and venerable hands, and giving thanks to Thee, He blessed and gave to His disciples, saying: Take and drink ye all of this, **FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, OF**

THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT: THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:  
WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY UNTO THE RE-  
MISSION OF SINS. As often as ye shall do these things, ye shall  
do them in remembrance of Me.

The Sacrifice of the Victim having been accom-  
plished, the Consecrator proceeds to offer It up to  
God, calling to mind as commanded by Christ, the  
principal mysteries of the life of our Saviour. With  
his hands stretched out he continues:

**W**HEREFORE, O Lord, we Thy servants, as also Thy holy  
people, calling to mind the blessed Passion of the same  
Christ Thy Son, our Lord, and also His glorious Ascension into  
heaven, offer unto Thy most excellent majesty of Thy gifts and  
presents, a pure Host, a holy Host, a spotless Host, the Holy  
Bread of eternal life, and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

The sacrifices of the Old Testament, which prefig-  
ured the Sacrifice of Calvary, proved acceptable to  
God. Much more pleasing to Him will be the Sacrifice  
of the Mass.

**U**PON which vouchsafe to look with a propitious and serene  
countenance, and to accept them, as Thou wast graciously  
pleased to accept the gifts of Thy just servant Abel, and the sac-  
rifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and that which Thy high priest  
Melchisedech offered to Thee, a holy sacrifice, a spotless Host.

The Consecrator bows low, calling to mind that the  
Victim sacrificed on the altar in our churches is the  
Lamb sacrificed which is in heaven UPON THE  
GOLDEN ALTAR BEFORE THE THRONE OF  
GOD (Apoc. viii, 3.)

**W**E most humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God, command these things to be carried up by the hands of Thy holy Angel to Thine altar on high, in the sight of Thy divine majesty, that as many of us, by participation at this altar, shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of Thy Son may be filled with every heavenly blessing and grace, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Commemoration of the Dead)

**The Consecrator once more interrupts the Canon to pray for the dead:**

**B**E mindful also, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids (*he mentions here the dead for whom he intends to pray*), who are gone before us with the sign of faith and sleep in the sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light and peace, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Consecrator then strikes his breast, and to the commemoration of the Church Suffering adds that of the Church Militant and Triumphant:**

**A**ND to us sinners, Thy servants hoping in the multitude of Thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with Thy holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia and with all Thy Saints into whose company we beseech Thee to admit us, not considering our merit, but of Thine own free pardon, through Christ our Lord. Through Whom, O Lord, Thou dost always create, sanctify, quicken, bless and give us these good things.



The Consecrator finishes the Canon. He takes the Host and the Chalice and lifts them up to heaven. It is now, with the closing prayer of the Canon, that the Victim is offered up to God. "The lifting up of the victim as an offering to God," says Bossuet, "was formerly one of the ceremonies of the sacrifice. The Body and Blood of our Lord are now lifted up in the same spirit, these being really and truly our Victim."

**B**Y Him, and with Him, and in Him, is to Thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory.

The Consecrator sings:

Forever and ever. R. Amen.

#### LET US PRAY

**I**NSTRUCTED by saving precepts, and following the divine command, we make bold to say: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. R. But deliver us from evil.

The Consecrator concludes:

Amen.

The Consecrator proceeds:

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present and to come; and by the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary ever Virgin, Mother of God, together with Thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul and Andrew, and all the Saints, mercifully grant peace in our days; that

through the bounteous help of Thy mercy we may be always free from sin and secure from all disturbance, through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God.

### (The Breaking of the Host)

The Consecrator breaks the Host into three parts and holding one particle, sings:

Forever and ever. R. Amen.

He then, with the particle, makes the Sign of the Cross three times over the Chalice, singing:

**T**HE peace of the Lord be always with you. R. And with thy spirit.

The Consecrator drops the particle of the Host into the Chalice, saying:

**M**AY this mixture and consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ avail us that receive it unto life everlasting. Amen.

## The Agnus Dei

Striking his breast, the Consecrator repeats (the choir singing) the words spoken by St. John the Baptist when he proclaimed to the Jews the Messiah Who was to save them:

**L**AMB of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

(Prayers in Preparation for Communion)

The Consecrator says three prayers, in which we are reminded of the effect that Communion is to produce in our souls: peace, sanctification and grace:

**L**ORD JESUS CHRIST, Who didst say to Thy Apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: look not upon my sins, but upon the faith of Thy Church; and vouchsafe to grant her peace and unity according to Thy will, Who livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen.

The newly consecrated Bishop now goes to the right side of the Consecrator. Both kiss the altar. The Consecrator gives the Consecrated the kiss of peace, saying:

Peace be with thee. R. And with thy spirit.

The latter then gives the kiss of peace to his assistant consecrators, saying to each:

Peace be with thee. R. And with thy spirit.

The assistant priest receives the kiss of peace from the Consecrator and gives it to a representative of each group of the clergy present. The remaining ministers of the Mass receive it from the Consecrator, after which he continues:

**L**ORD JESUS CHRIST, Son of the living God, Who, according to the will of the Father, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world: deliver me by this Thy most holy Body and

Blood from all my iniquities and from all evils; and make me always adhere to Thy commandments and never suffer me to be separated from Thee: Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Let not the partaking of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through Thy goodness may it avail me for a safeguard and a remedy of body and soul: Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Communion of the Body and Blood of Our Lord)

The Consecrator genuflects, takes the Host and says:

I will take the Bread of Heaven, and call upon the name of the Lord.

He then repeats three times the words of the Centurion whose faith and humility obtained for him the healing of his servant:

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Consecrator receives the Body of Jesus Christ, consuming that part of the Host from which the small particle was taken and put into the Chalice, saying:

**M**AY the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

The Consecrator then recites the forms of thanksgiving taken from the Psalms, which Jesus sang at the Last Supper:

What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath rendered to me? I will take the chalice of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Praising, I will call upon the Lord, and I shall be saved from my enemies.

The Consecrator receives a portion of the Precious Blood of our Lord with the particle, saying:

**M**AY the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

The Consecrated then goes to the Consecrator's right. The Consecrator communicates him with the remaining portion of the Host, and hands to him the chalice. The Consecrated consumes the remaining portion of the Precious Blood and then returns to his place.

(The Ablutions)

While the deacon pours wine into the chalice, the Consecrator says:

**G**RANT, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth we may receive with a pure mind: and that from a temporal gift it may become for us an eternal remedy.

While the deacon pours wine and water into the chalice to cleanse the Consecrator's fingers, the latter says:

**M**AY Thy Body, O Lord, which I have received, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, abide with me; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, whom these pure and holy Sacraments have refreshed: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.



The Consecrated receives the purification from another chalice without purifying his hands. The servers now wash the hands of the Consecrator, who immediately recites the Communion Antiphon at the Epistle side of the altar. The Consecrated and his assistant consecrators go to the Gospel side of the altar, and there the Consecrated continues the Mass.

The Consecrator at the center of the altar, facing the congregation, sings:

The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

Returning to the Epistle side of the altar the Consecrator sings:

## The Postcommunion Prayers

LET US PRAY.

The Prayer from the Mass of the day is sung, then a Prayer for the newly consecrated Bishop:

**W**E beseech Thee, O Lord, to fulfill in us Thy mercy; moreover, graciously make us to be such, and so cherish us, that we may be able to please Thee in all things, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Consecrator at the center of the altar, facing the congregation, sings:

The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

The deacon, facing the congregation, sings:

Go, the Mass is ended. R. Thanks be to God.

The Consecrator, facing the altar, bows and says:

**M**AY the performance of my homage be pleasing to Thee, O Holy Trinity; and grant that the sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of Thy majesty may be acceptable to Thee, and through Thy mercy be a propitiation for me and for all those for whom I have offered it, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Having kissed the altar, the Consecrator, with mitre on, signs himself with the thumb of his right hand upon his breast and sings:

Blessed be the name of the Lord. R. Now and forever.

Making the Sign of the Cross from his forehead to his breast, he sings:

Our help is in the name of the Lord. R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Elevating and then joining his hands, and bowing his head, he sings:

May the Almighty God bless you.

He then turns toward the people and with the pastoral staff in his left hand blesses them thrice, singing:

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. R. Amen.

The Consecrator, with mitre on, sits on the faldstool, which has been placed before the middle of the altar; the newly consecrated Bishop kneels before him; the assistant consecrators stand to the right and left of the Consecrated. The master of ceremonies places on the head of the Consecrated his zucchetto or skull cap. The Consecrator, without mitre, rises and blesses the mitre of the Consecrated, saying:

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**O** LORD GOD, Father Almighty, Whose goodness is wonderful and Whose power immense, from Whom is every best and every perfect gift, the ornament of all beauty, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify this mitre to be placed on the head of this prelate, Thy servant, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He then sprinkles the mitre with holy water and sits. Aided by the assistant consecrators he places the mitre on the head of the Consecrated, saying with them:

**W**E, O Lord, place on the head of this, Thy bishop and champion, the helmet of defense and salvation, so that, his face being adorned and his head armed with the protection of both Testaments, he may seem formidable to the opponents of truth, and through the plenteous bestowal of Thy grace may be their sturdy adversary: Thou Who didst mark with the brightest rays of Thy splendor and truth the countenance of Moses, Thy servant, ornamented from his fellowship with Thy word; and didst order the tiara to be placed on the head of Aaron, Thy high priest, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Consecrator, without mitre, rises and blesses the gloves of the Consecrated, saying:

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**O** ALMIGHTY Creator, Who hast given to man, fashioned after Thy image, hands notable for their formation, as an organ of intelligence for correct workmanship: which Thou hast commanded to be kept clean, so that the

soul might worthily be carried in them and Thy mysteries worthily consecrated by them: vouchsafe to bless and sanctify these hand coverings, so that whosoever of Thy ministers, the holy bishops, shall humbly wish to cover his hands with these, Thy mercy shall accord to him cleanness of heart as well as of deed, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He sprinkles them with holy water. The pontifical ring is taken from the finger of the Consecrated; the Consecrator sits down and, having received the mitre, with the aid of the assistant consecrators, places the gloves on the hands of the Consecrated, saying with them:

INCOMPASS, O Lord, the hands of this Thy minister with the cleanness of the new Man Who descended from heaven, so that as Thy beloved Jacob, his hands covered with the skins of young goats, implored and received the paternal benediction, having offered to his father most agreeable food and drink, so also this one may deserve to implore and to receive the benediction of Thy grace by means of the saving Host offered by his hands; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who in the likeness of sinful flesh, offered Himself to Thee for us.

Immediately the Consecrator places the episcopal ring on the finger of the Consecrated. The Consecrator rises and takes the Consecrated by the right hand, the senior assistant consecrator taking him by the left; together they assist him to the faldstool. The Consecrator places in his left hand the pastoral staff. Then the Consecrator, turning toward the altar, standing without mitre, the assistant consecrators without mitres at his right, intones this hymn of thanksgiving, which is sung by the choir:

## Te Deum Laudamus

WE praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.  
To Thee all Angels, to Thee the heavens and all the Powers  
therein. To Thee the Cherubim and Seraphim, cry with unceas-  
ing voice:

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts!  
The heavens and the earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.  
Thee the glorious choir of the Apostles,  
Thee the admirable company of the Prophets,  
Thee the white-robed army of Martyrs, do praise.  
Thee the Holy Church throughout all the world doth  
acknowledge:  
The Father of infinite majesty,  
Thine adorable, true and only Son,  
Also the Holy Ghost the Paraclete.  
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the Everlasting Son of the Father.  
Thou, having taken upon Thee to deliver man, didst not abhor  
the Virgin's womb.  
Thou, having overcome the sting of death, didst open to be-  
lievers the kingdom of heaven.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

At the following verse all kneel.

We beseech Thee, therefore, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast  
redeemed with Thy Precious Blood.



Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.  
O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.  
Govern them, and lift them up forever.  
Day by day we bless Thee,  
And we praise Thy name forever and forever.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day to keep us without sin.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in Thee.  
O Lord, in Thee have I hoped; let me never be confounded.

At the beginning of the hymn, the Consecrated, accompanied by the assistant consecrators and chaplains, goes down the main aisle, blessing the congregation. The Consecrator meanwhile remains standing in the same place at the altar. When the Consecrated has returned to the faldstool he sits again until the TE DEUM is finished. The assistant consecrators stand at the right of the Consecrator at the altar. At the conclusion of the hymn, the Consecrator intones the following antiphon, which is sung by the choir:

**M**AY Thy hand be strengthened and Thy right hand be exalted; justice and judgment be the preparation of Thy throne. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The whole antiphon is repeated. Then the Consecrator sings:

C. O Lord, hear my prayer. R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

C. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY

**O** GOD, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down in Thy mercy upon this Thy servant, whom Thou hast appointed over Thy Church, and grant, we beseech Thee, that both by word and by example he may edify all those who are under his charge, so that with the flock entrusted to him he may attain unto life everlasting, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Consecrated rises and having turned toward the altar, without mitre, kisses it. Then, with mitre on, he signs himself with the thumb of his right hand upon his breast and sings:

Blessed be the name of the Lord. R. Now and forever.

Making the Sign of the Cross from his forehead to his breast, he sings:

Our help is in the name of the Lord. R. Who made heaven and earth.

Elevating and then joining his hands, and bowing his head, he sings:

May the Almighty God bless you.

He then turns toward the people, and, holding the pastoral staff in his left hand, blesses them thrice, singing:

The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. R. Amen.

The mitres are now put on the Consecrator and the assistant consecrators. The Consecrated goes to the epistle corner of the altar, with mitre on and holding his staff; facing the Consecrator he kneels and sings:

For many years.

Then, going to the middle of the altar, he again kneels as before, and sings in a higher voice:

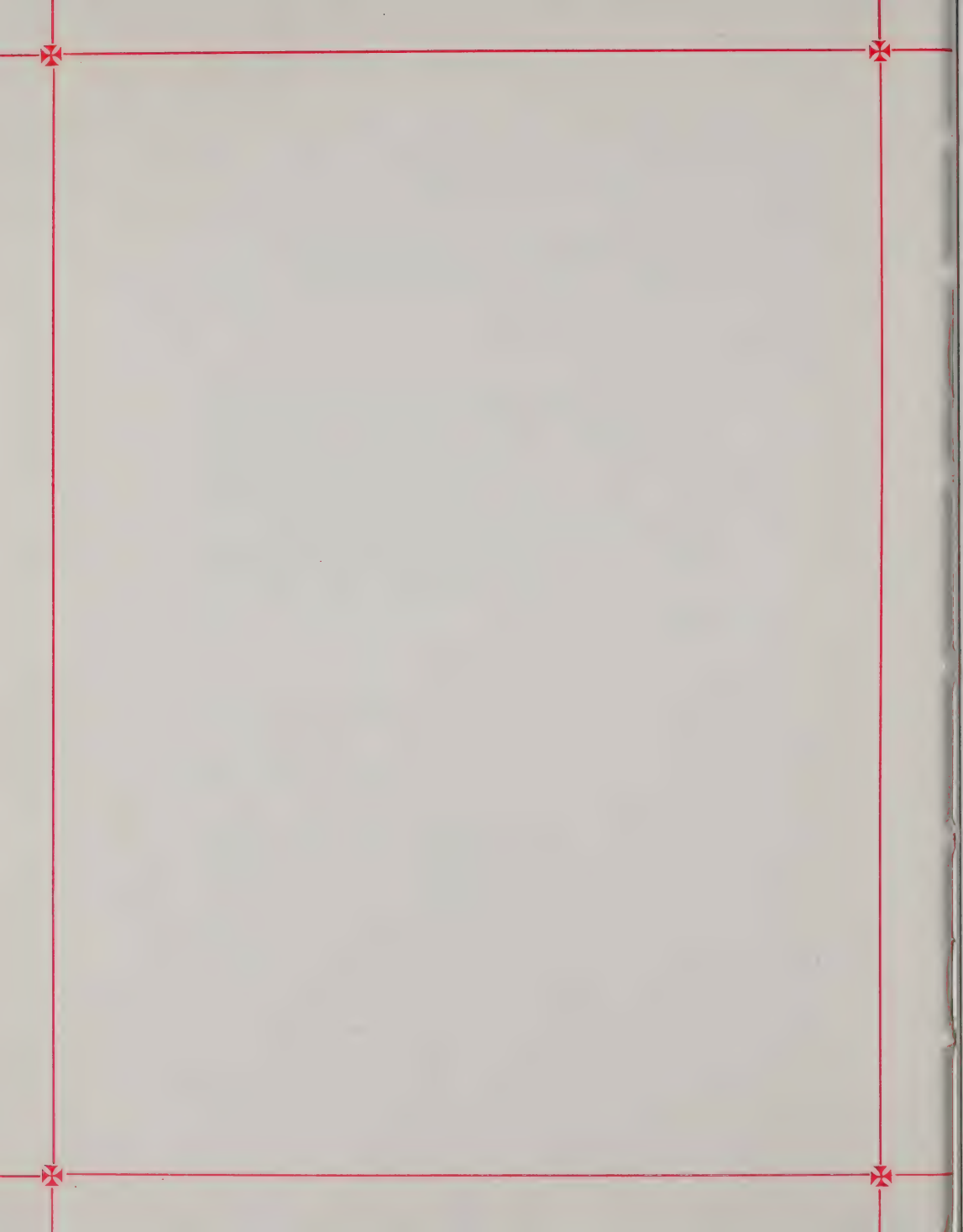
For many years.

He now approaches the Consecrator, and kneeling a third time as above, he sings in a still higher tone of voice:

For many years.

When he has risen, the Consecrator gives him the kiss of peace. The assistant consecrators do likewise. The latter now accompany the Consecrated who, with mitre on and carrying his pastoral staff, goes to his chapel and recites the Gospel. The Consecrator, having given the kiss of peace to the Consecrated, turns toward the altar and recites the Gospel. The Consecrator then returns to his throne and the Recession begins.

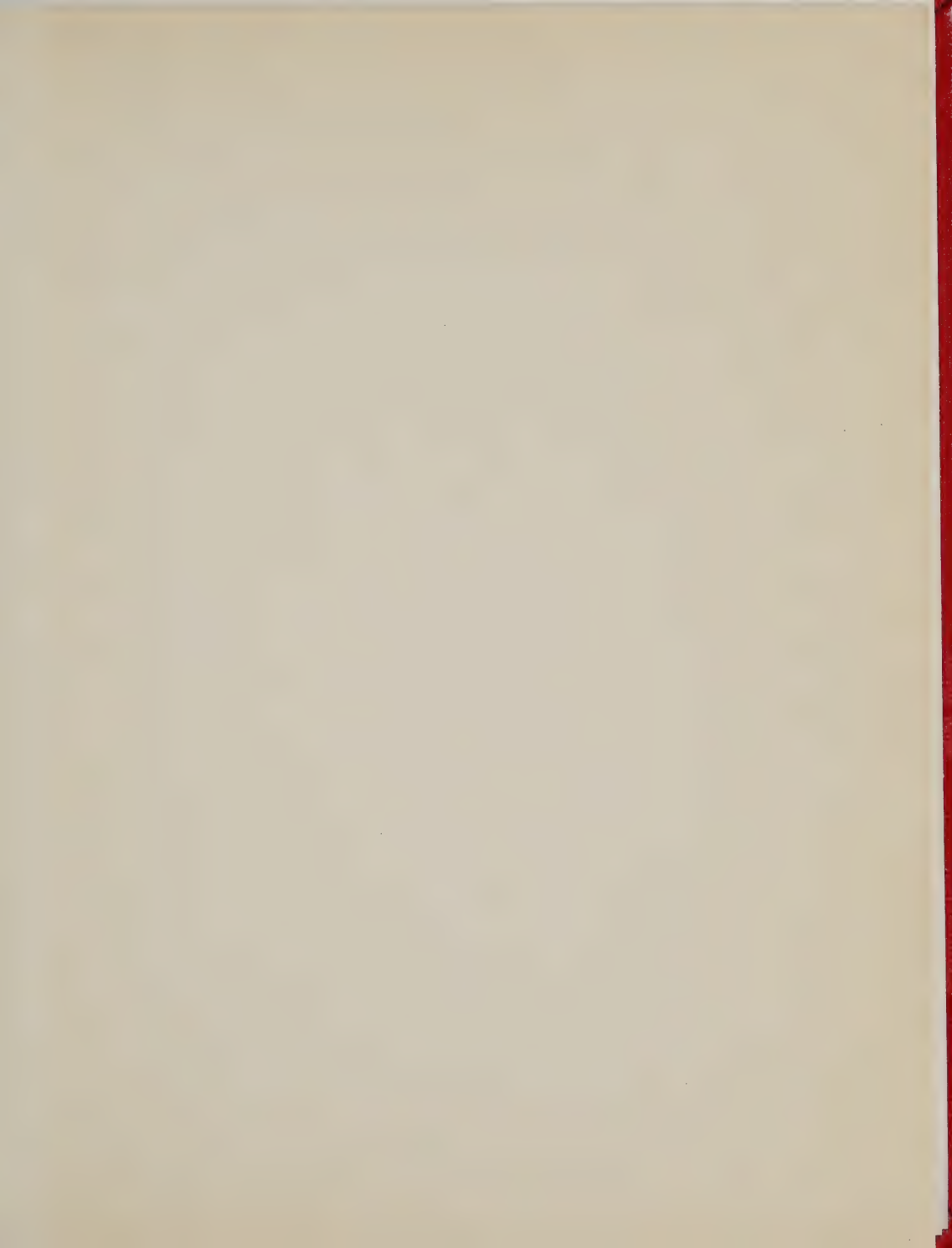




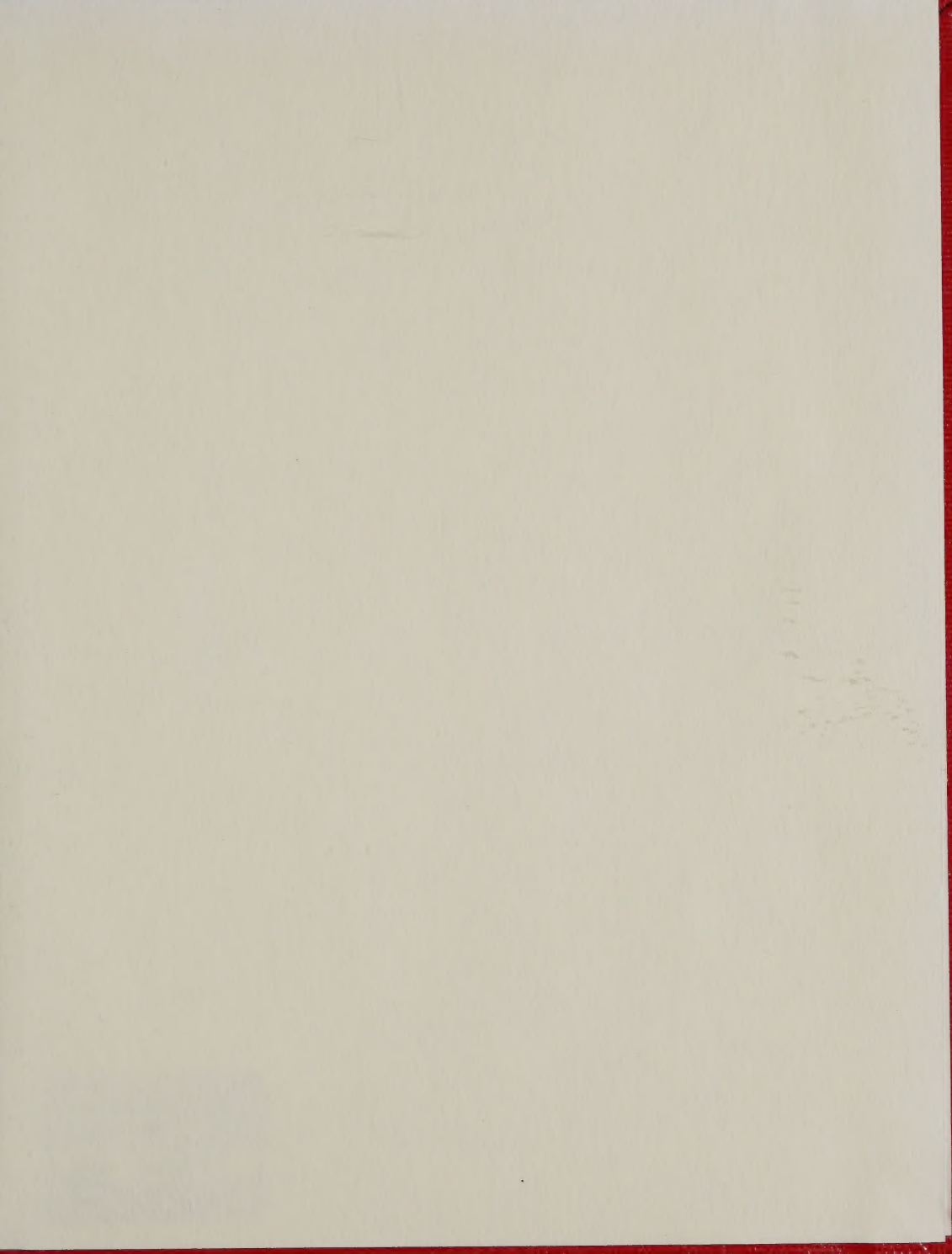








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